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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This responds to the Office action dated October 11, 2006. A one-month period for response was set, making a reply due by Monday, November 13, 2006. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 8.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 37-39 and 46-56) directed to peptides and compositions containing peptides, and mutant beta2 microglobulin fusion protein and B7.2 molecules (see new claim 65) as the species.